

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A inter-process communications protocol configuration system comprising:

a mapping of server-side protocol stack components to client-side protocol stack components in a server-side protocol stack;

a listing of dependent ones of said server-side protocol stack components in said server-side protocol stack based upon said mapping; and[[,]]

a publishable interface to said listing, wherein

said mapping comprises:

a set of linkages between protocol stack components of said server-side protocol stack and corresponding protocol stack components required to exist in an associated client-side protocol stack, and

a set of attributes for selected ones of said corresponding protocol stack components,

said listing is a reverse listing comprising a reverse ordered list of said dependent ones of said server-side protocol stack components in said server-side protocol stack based upon said mapping, and

said publishable interface is a native directory interface to at least one object incorporating said listing.

Claims 2-4 (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring a client-side communications protocol stack, the method comprising the steps of:

consulting a mapping to determine a set of client-side protocol stack components which correspond to a set of protocol stack components in a server side protocol stack instance;

creating a listing of said determined set of client-side protocol stack components; and[[,]]

publishing said listing for access by externally disposed client computing processes,

wherein

said consulting step further comprises the step of determining at least one attribute to be applied to at least one of said client-side protocol stack components when enabling a client-side protocol stack to interoperate with said server-side protocol stack instance, and

said creating step further comprises the step of reversing an order of said created listing.

Claims 6-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~machine~~ computer-readable storage device having stored thereon a computer program for configuring a client-side communications protocol stack, the computer program comprising a set of ~~machine~~ computer-readable instructions which when executed by a computer system ~~machine method~~ cause the computer system ~~machine~~ to perform the steps of:

consulting a mapping to determine a set of client-side protocol stack components which correspond to a set of protocol stack components in a server side protocol stack instance;

creating a listing of said determined set of client-side protocol stack components; and[[,]]

publishing said listing for access by externally disposed client computing processes,  
wherein

said consulting step further comprises the step of determining at least one attribute to be applied to at least one of said client-side protocol stack components when enabling a client-side protocol stack to interoperate with said server-side protocol stack instance, and

said creating step further comprises the step of reversing an order of said created listing.

Claims 13-18 (Cancelled)